

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A process for coextrusion of at least two polymer melt streams of different composition to produce a film exhibiting a tinted strip suitable for use as an intermediate layer in laminated glazing, said process comprising

- a) melting of a polymer mass
- b) separating the melt into at least two melt streams
- c) mixing of additives into at least one melt stream and
- d) combining the melt streams with coextrusion in one or several extrusion dies, ~~the polymer mass being based on polyvinyl butyral, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl alcohol and/or a terpolymer with ethylene units, vinyl acetate units and vinyl alcohol units~~
wherein, in process step a) said polymer mass is a mass containing polyvinyl butyral, in process step b) said mass is melted and divided into a main stream and a subsidiary stream, in process step c) said additives are pigments which are added to the subsidiary stream, and in process step d) said main stream and said subsidiary stream are coextruded to form a film exhibiting a tinted strip, said film being suitable for use as an intermediate layer in laminated glazing.

2. (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein at least one melt stream is passed through a dynamic or static mixing section before and/or after process step c).

3. (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein process step c) takes place in a dynamic mixer.

4. (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the melt is passed through a melt filter between process step a) and b).

5. (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein, after process step b), at least one melt stream is passed through a melt filter before and/or after the corresponding process step c).

6. (Previously Presented): A process according claim 1, wherein at least one melt stream is extruded in process step d) through an extrusion die with a wedge-shaped or torpedo-shaped partial area.

7. (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, wherein the additive in process step c) contains organic or inorganic pigments, carbon black, ~~silicic acid, UV stabilisers~~ and/or titanium dioxide, and optionally additionally silicic acid and/or UV stabilisers.

8. (Cancelled):

9 (Cancelled):

10. (Cancelled):

11. (Cancelled):

12. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymer mass is based on (a) polyvinyl butyral having a degree of acetylation of 50 – 95%, and a residual PVOH content of 25 -5%.

13. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymer mass is based on (a) polyvinyl butyral having a degree of acetylation of 65 – 85%, and a residual PVOH content of 25 -5%.

14. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein
after process step b) and before process step d) said at least one stream to which additives
are to be added is passed through a dynamic or static mixing section before and/or after the
addition of additives in process step c); and

after process step b), said at least one stream to which additives are added is passed
through a melt filter before and/or after the corresponding process step c).

15. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein
after process step b) and before process step d) said at least one stream to which additives
are to be added is passed through a pump before the addition of additives in process step c), and
then passed through a dynamic or static mixing section after the addition of additives in process
step c); and

after process step b), the at least one stream to which additives are not added is passed
through a melt filter before process step d).

16. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein
before process step b) the melt is passed through a pump and a melt filter; and
after process step c) and before process step d) said at least one stream to which additives
are added is passed through a dynamic or static mixing section after the addition of additives.

17. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein
after process step c) and before process step d) said at least one stream to which additives
are added is passed through static mixing section after the addition of additives, and then is
passed through a pump, and then is passed through a dynamic or static mixing section before
process step d); and

after process step b), at least one stream to which additives are not added is passed
through a pump and through a melt filter before process step d).

18. (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein

after process step c) and before process step d) said at least one stream to which additives are to be added is passed through a pump, a melt filter, and a dynamic mixing section wherein the additives are added before the dynamic mixer or directly into the dynamic mixer, and then passed through a further pump before process step d); and

after process step b), at least one stream to which additives are not added is passed through a pump and through a melt filter before process step d).